



Rock Creek Park

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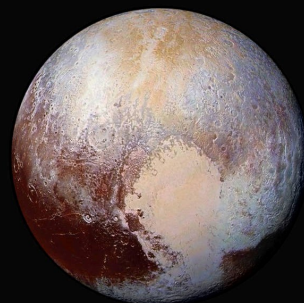


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Schedule of Events

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From nitrogen glaciers to haze in the atmosphere, scientists are learning more about Pluto this year from data being sent back by the piano-sized spacecraft New Horizons. When New Horizons was launched Pluto was the ninth planet of our solar system. Scientists continue to learn more about our solar system, our galaxy and the universe every day. Learn about “what’s out there” at one of our planetarium programs at 4 p.m. Wednesdays and at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

Come join us on any or all of our *Active Trails* hikes and walks
for more information go to <http://www.nationalparks.org/our-work/programs/active-trails>

Daily

- **Perspectives of the Old Stone House:** 2:30 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday at the Old Stone House The Old Stone House has a long and diverse history. Rangers will present insights on middle- class life in Georgetown, the evolution of a neighborhood, and the changing uses of an urban garden. **All ages.** *The photograph shows the Old Stone House when it was used as Parkway Motors.*



Weekly Programs

Wednesdays

- **Young Planetarium** 4:00 p.m. at the Nature Center Children are invited to explore the night sky and listen to star stories. **Ages 4 and older.**

Thursdays

- **Habitat Hike** 2:30 p.m. at the Nature Center Rock Creek park has many different habitats. Experience some of these different living spaces on a half mile walk. Perfect for some of our youngest visitors. *Active Trails* **Ages 5 and older.**

Fridays

- **Creature Feature** 4:00 p.m. at the Nature Center Children of all ages are invited to learn about Rock Creek Park’s wild critters during this interactive program featuring live turtles and snakes. **All ages.**

Saturdays

- **Georgetown Waterfront Walk** 11:00 a.m. at the Georgetown Waterfront Park Stroll the Georgetown Waterfront Park to various overlooks, sharing the history of how Georgetown went from an active port town to a vibrant community. Meet at the Waterfront fountain at the corner of Wisconsin Avenue and K Street. *Active Trails* **Age 7 and older.**

Saturdays

- **Summer Night Sky** 1:00 p.m. at the Nature Center Discover tonight's brightest stars, planets and constellations and hear their stories in the Rock Creek Park planetarium. **Ages 5 and older.**
- **Exploring the Universe** 4:00 p.m. at the Nature Center Explore the solar system, Milky Way, and deep space objects in this high- tech planetarium program. **Ages 7 and older.**
- **Ft. DeRussy Hike** 2:30 p.m. at the Nature Center Come out for a short one- mile hike to Fort DeRussy and explore the Civil War in Washington, D.C. *Active Trails* **Ages 10 and older.**

Sundays

- **125th Celebration Hike** 10:00 a.m. at the Nature Center Rock Creek Park turns 125 this year. This 2- mile hike explores our past 125 years and ponders the next 125 years. *Active Trails* **Ages 7 and older.**
- **Summer Night Sky** 1:00 p.m. at the Nature Center Discover tonight's brightest stars, planets and constellations and hear their stories in the Rock Creek Park planetarium. **Ages 5 and older.**
- **Fire and Ice: Strange Moons of the Solar System** 4:00 p.m. at the Nature Center Did you know that planet Earth is not the only place in the universe that harbors active volcanoes and saltwater oceans? **Ages 7 and older.**

Sunday, August 2

- **Rock Creek Rocks!** 11:00 a.m. at the Nature Center It's a rockin' two- mile hike through the park and learn what geologic processes shaped Rock Creek Park. *Active Trails* **Ages 7 and older.**

Thursday, August 6

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Saturday, August 8

- **Pokey in the Park** 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Meridian Hill Park Leading up to Pokey's 20th birthday celebration, Pokey will visit various sites in Rock Creek Park. Join Pokey and learn why Rock Creek Park is a stronghold for box turtles in Washington D.C. We will be near the statue of Joan of Arc. **All ages.**
- **Run of the Mill** 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Peirce Mill See the 2,000 pound millstones convert corn to cornmeal using that good old fashioned renewable energy of water. Miller Jeanne and the Friends of Peirce Mill invite you to discover Washington DC's only surviving grist-mill in action. Be sure to explore the exhibits at Peirce Barn next door as well. **All Ages.** *The photograph shows Miller Jeanne discussing the process with visitors.*
- **Mill Works** 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Peirce Mill Hey Kids! Have we got something for you! Join VIP Angela for fun and games at the mill. She has toys for you to play with and crafts for you to make, and some simple machines for you to build. Rain or shine she will be there, ready to have some fun. Be sure to pick up a Junior Ranger book and earn your Rock Creek Park Badge. **All ages.**



Saturday, August 15

- **Exploring the Sky** 8:30 p.m. at Military Field (Picnic Grove 13 Parking Lot on Glover Road near Military Road NW) Explore the night sky through the lens of a telescope. The National Capital Astronomers Association and Rock Creek Park invite you to a peaceful hour of stargazing. Cloud cover or rain cancels the event. **Ages 6 and older.**

Sunday, August 16

- **Joint Service Jazz** 7:30 p.m. at the Carter Barron Amphitheatre A night of music featuring the U.S. Army Blues, U.S. Navy Commodores, and the U.S. Airmen of Note. Gates open at 7:00 p.m., admission is free, and entry is on a first come, first served basis.

Sunday, August 21

- **15th Annual D.C. Poetry Festival** 7:30 p.m. at the Carter Barron Amphitheatre The Revolution will be Jazz! The festival will honor Gil Scott-Heron and feature Giacomo Gates. The house band will be Steven B and Friends and the event will be hosted by Charlotte Fox. Gates open at 7:00 p.m., admission is free, and entry is on a first come, first served basis.

Saturday, August 22

- **Hatch Day** 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Nature Center We are not sure of the exact day, but about 20 years ago Pokey hatched from his egg. Help Celebrate Hatch Day!
 - 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Nature Arts and Crafts Calling all kids: Join park staff for creative fun. In Pokey’s honor we will be making box turtle crafts. **All Ages.**
 - 10:30 a.m. Turtle Obstacle Course Put on a turtle shell and see how fast you can move Remember to wear your play clothes! **Ages 4- 8**
 - 11:30 a.m. Ranger Reads Staff will read *Box Turtle at Long Pond* a day in the life of a wild box turtle. Age 3 and older.
 - 12:30 p.m. Find Pokey a Worm Pokey can’t eat cake so lets help find his favorite food. **WORMS!** Age 4 and older.
 - 1:30 p.m. Pokey Dance Competition Pokey gets excited when he sees his favorite foods. Can you move like Pokey? Competition open to kids of all ages 9 days to 999 years.
- **Run of the Mill** 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Peirce Mill See the 2,000 pound millstones convert corn to cornmeal using that good old fashioned renewable energy of water. Miller Jeanne and the Friends of Peirce Mill invite you to discover Washington DC’s only surviving gristmill in action. Be sure to explore the exhibits at Peirce Barn next door as well. **All Ages.**

Friday, August 28

- **Movie Night: Rear Window** Dusk (about 8:15 p.m.) at the Carter Barron Amphitheatre . Rated - PG. Gates open 7:00 p.m., admission is free, and entry on a first come, first served basis. Movies may change due to availability.

Saturday, August 29

- **Meridian Hill Park Art Walk** 10:00 a.m. at Meridian Hill Park Come on out to Rock Creek Park’s art park at Meridian Hill Park. Learn about some of the different sculptures Rock Creek Park cares for and how their unique frame, Meridian Hill Park, was made. This walk is about one mile long. *Active Trails* Meet at the water fountain on the “W” Street side of the park. **Ages 7 and up.**
- **Movie Night: The Wiz** Dusk (about 8:15 p.m.) at the Carter Barron Amphitheatre . Rated - G Gates open 7:00 p.m., admission is free, and entry on a first come, first served basis. Movies may change due to availability

Rock Creek Park Visitor Center Locations and Hours

Nature Center & Planetarium = 5200 Glover Road, NW. Open Wednesday through Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Hiking trail maps and park information, plant and animal exhibits, and bookstore.

Peirce Mill = 2401 Tilden Street, NW. Wednesday through Sunday 10:00 am-4:00 p.m. 1820s grist mill — the last remaining on Rock Creek.

Old Stone House = 3051 M Street, NW. Open daily, 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Early American home, self guided tours, and bookstore.